GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1181
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005
FOODGRAIN BANKS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up foodgrain banks in the country;

(b) if so, the names of districts in various State where foodgrain banks have been set up or are likely to be set up;

(c) whether foodgrains are to be distributed to the families living below poverty line; and

(d) if so, the total quantum of foodgrains in terms of tones targetted to be distributed every year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The statement showing number of Grains Banks established in 11 States by Ministry of Tribal Affairs is Annexed. The Scheme has now been transferred to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution for review, expansion and implementation. It is proposed to let State Governments/UT Administrations to identify the villages from amongst drought prone, remote, desert, hilly and inaccessible tribal areas/districts.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Under the modified scheme, each Grain Bank will be provided to store one quintal of foodgrain (rice, wheat or coarse grain) per family for an average of 40 families living below poverty line, as one time grant by the Central Government, to provide food security during the period of natural calamity at village level.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 1181 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing status of Grain Banks, State-wise, established by Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the period from 1996-97 to 2003-04.

Sl.No.	State	Year	No. of Grain Banks established
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1996-97	19
		1997-98	21
		2000-01	45
		2002-03	0
		Sub Total	85
2.	West Bengal	1996-97	16
		2002-03	34
		2003-04	0
		Sub Total	50
3.	Bihar	1996-97	25
		1997-98	00
		Sub Total	25

4. Gujarat 1996-97 28
1997-98 30
1998-99 23
2000-01 32
Sub Total 113

5. Madhya Pradesh 1996-97 70
1997-98 75
2001-02 304
2002-03 0
Sub Total 449

6. Orissa 1996-97 32
1997-98 35
1998-99 00
1999-00 156
2000-01 246
2001-02 61
Sub Total 530

7. Tripura 1996-97 4
1997-98 3
2000-01 27
2001-02 27
2003-04 00
Sub Total 61

8. Rajasthan 1996-97 25
1997-98 00
Sub Total 25

9. Tamil Nadu 1996-97 2

10. Kerala 1996-97 2
1997-98 3
2000-01 0
Sub Total 5

11. Maharashtra 1997-98 30
2001-02 108
2003-04 0
Sub Total 138

12. Uttar Pradesh - -

13. Manipur - -

Total 1483

Source: Ministry of Tribal Affairs